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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.143

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the November 2, 2004 restriction requirement under 35 USC § 121, the Applicants, acting through their attorney, respond as follows:

REMARKS

Although the Applicant believes that the Examiner's division of the claims into eight different species is improper, to fully respond to the Restriction Requirement, the